



# Native Wildflower Seed Bombs

## Project

Time: **30mins approx.**

## Project Overview

Why make these Seed Bombs? Because they are tiny packages containing everything our Native species need to feed, shelter and protect themselves! And so easy and fun to make! The beauty of Seed bombs is that the clay helps the seeds to survive until enough rain has fallen to slowly break down the clay until the seeds are released. Then the potting mix gives them a head start until roots form into the soil.

Very special time capsules indeed! They do best just planted before a rainy season, say early spring. The rains will help break the seeds to germinate as well. And depending on the species you choose, you can either make a Wildflower seed bomb or a Pollinator, bee, butterfly or insect seed blend! For creating native habitat generally a native grass seed mix is used, including tussock forming grasses, Poa lab, Carex spp etc. Your local indigenous online nurseries will be more than happy to supply you with the right seed provenance that will suit your local community. And there's lots of native wildflower seed packets that can be purchased online from your big hardware stores like Bunnings.

## What you'll need...

- 500gms of any terracotta 'air dried clay' available from craft stores, pottery supplies online.
- 500 gms Seed starting mix or compost

- Packet of Native Grasses' or 'Wildflower mix seed mix eg. Carex, Poa lab spp. Buy online from any Native Indigenous Nursery. Bunnings have a good range of native wildflower, pollinator and butterfly mixes too!
- Trays to store made seed bombs, egg cartons make great containers for drying
- Jug of water, Spray bottle



## Instructions

1. Grab a small amount of clay, and form it into a circular shape. Add a pinch or two of potting mix. Sprinkle a few native seeds mix onto top of potting mix
2. and then gently bring up the sides of clay to close and seal edges around, forming a small ball. Mine generally turn out into the size of a walnut, but they can be slightly smaller or bigger if you fancy. Don't worry if it looks a little messy. They don't have to look perfectly round either!
3. Then you can pop the little seed bombs onto a tray to air dry for several days, they will shrink a little and look a bit lighter in color. Then they are ready for throwing, hurling into a vacant plot, wetland area or even a bare patch in your backyard! You could even drop them into little plant pots to create a mini native garden to enjoy!

## Resources...

The following list is a general 'all rounder' selection that can be easily sourced online, and will provide a lovely food supply for most of our Pollinator species, including bee's, butterflies and insects.

**Billy Button (*Craspedia globosus*), Clawflower (*Calothamnus quadrifidus*), Bottlebrush (*Callistemon*), Everlasting Dwarf Mix (*Rhodanthe*), Featherflower (*Verticordens nitens*), Golden Everlasting (*Xerochrysum bracteatum*), Kangaroo Paw (*Anigozanthia manglesii*), Pink Everlasting (*Schoenia cassiniana*), Purple Flag (*Patersonia occidentalis*), Swan River Daisy (*Brachycombe iberidifolia*) and Teatree (*Leptospermum*).**

